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Strathmore Hills Civic Association

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Dear Neighbor,

Please pay your \$20 civic association dues. Please send or leave a check made out to Strathmore Hills Civic Association in Sid Mintz's mailbox (3 Richbourne Lane) or Jerry Grayson's mailbox (43 Northcote).

The Neighborhood

Although the winter weather caused more damage to our already pot-holed streets, the town highway department, under new superintendent Peter Gunther, has filled in all of the most egregious ones.

The Sign

Our community sign, at the corner of Northcote Drive and Colonial Spring Road, was destroyed. The investigation as to how it happened is ongoing. One theory is that the damage was the result of a multiple car accident in December. If anyone has any information about what happened, it would be appreciated if you would let us know. Florence Grayson has volunteered to search for a replacement and we expect the cost to exceed \$1,000.

The Airport

A proposal has been made to expand Republic Airport, in Farmingdale, for the use of commercial flights. At a meeting held in May, there was substantial opposition expressed from all of the communities surrounding the airport. Governor Cuomo is in favor of the change.

The Melville Employment Zone

There was a meeting to present preliminary discussion about plans to designate some areas of Melville (that are zoned lite industry) as zones that could include not just office space, but also apartments and stores. A representative from the Huntington Quad indicated that they were considering those ideas. The community representatives that were present stated categorically that until the traffic situation (including the LIE overpass at Walt Whitman) were improved, there should not be any further thoughts of changes.

The Swim Club (personal editorial)

Over the past few months board members of the swim club have been attempting to get enough votes to allow them to raise the dues \$100 to \$700. As a resident of the community for 44 years, I would encourage everyone to vote at the next election on July 4th (there will be a luncheon at the club). My personal view is to vote for the increase. Whether you use the club or don't, it is a valuable asset to each homeowner. If the club falls into disrepair, the cost of repairs will only be greater and it is a responsibility of us all to care for it. I might add that the other Strathmore raised their swim club dues to \$750 three years ago.

The Fence

The petition for a Motion for Summary Judgment was presented to the court on July 21, 2014. No decision has been rendered. The wheels of justice

Please clean up near your house Unfortunately there are people who find it easier to toss litter out of their cars than to deposit it in a trash can. The sweeper from the Huntington Highway Department has not yet made a run through our neighborhood and there is always some debris in the street. Please pick it up and put it in your trash can. Thank you in advance for helping.

If there are any issues with which you think our civic association may be helpful, please send me an email and I will do my best to assist.

Jerry Grayson

Jerry Grayson, President

Marilyn Marlow, Vice President

Sidney Mintz, Treasurer